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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GOSLING?

Born: May 7
Missing: May 20
Last seen: Eating a worm near the dog beach in Prospect Park.
Answers to: "Honk"

GOOSE DOWN!

Baby gosling is missing and believed dead

By **Natalie O'Neill**
The Brooklyn Paper

And then there were three. One of Prospect Park's miracle goslings has gone missing — and Mother Nature is a prime suspect. Heavy weekend rains, illness or a predator apparently killed one of four goose babies, born against all odds in the wake of last year's goose slaughter and this year's effort to humanely keep surviving geese from reproducing.

there — it happens," said wildlife advocate Mary Beth Artz. "It's just sad."

The original four-some was the surviving litter from a sextet of eggs that had been discovered near Dog Beach inside the park.

In early May, all six eggs were coated with corn oil in an attempt to humanely destroy the developing embryos. But nature always finds a way, and all six eggs hatched — though



two goslings died almost immediately of natural causes.

The remaining four goslings quickly became Prospect Park's unofficial children, a living symbol of the horror of last year's federal slaughter of more than 300 geese, killed in the name of aviation safety.

"They represent hope for new life," See **GOSLING** on page 4



The three survivors went about their business on Tuesday. It is unclear if this is part of the grieving process.

Take the 'Net' train

By **Gary Buiso**
The Brooklyn Paper

Some day, a train ticket may not only take you to a Brooklyn Nets game, but get you inside, too.

Developer Forest City Ratner told the Post last week that it is working with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to devise a MetroCard that can be swiped for entry into the \$1-billion Barclays Center arena, or a game-day ticket that can be used to enter the sub-

way system. The goal is to cut down on car traffic that critics fear will overwhelm the residential neighborhood near the rising arena at Flatbush Avenue and Dean Street.

MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said the plan offers "intriguing possibilities" similar to those that the agency already offers Mets fans discounted tickets if they ride the No. 7 train or the Long Island Rail Road



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A SUMMER SHOCKER

Rogue intern steals money from mentor

By **Kate Briquet**
The Brooklyn Paper

It's the ultimate summer workplace nightmare: A rogue intern stole more than \$1,000 from a beloved Boerum Hill gallery — but the teen says he did it because his mentor falsely accused him of stealing an office phone!

Lucien Zayan, owner of the Invisible Dog, said he caught the troubled 16-year-old clumsily embezzling dough from the Bergen Street art space.

To say he felt betrayed is an understatement.

"I was furious!" said Zayan. The double-crossing allegedly went down on May 9, when the intern, James Baker, 16, asked to check his e-mail. With the boss's back turned, the intern transferred \$500 of gallery money to his own bank account via a PayPal window that Zayan had left open.

Within seconds, the website sent a confirmation e-mail straight to Zayan. When confronted, Baker

lied that he had not done the dirty deed, but Zayan knew.

"I told him, 'I have the evidence,'" Zayan said.

That's when the two-bit Capone ran out of the gallery, though he surrendered to 84th Precinct cops on Saturday.

Later, Zayan discovered that the intern had also cashed a \$950 check, which he likely swiped from a closet shared by the employees.

Baker admitted that he did the See **ROGUE** on page 5



Lucien Zayan can't believe that an intern stole \$1,000 from him.

Judge says 'Domi-YES!'

By **Aaron Short**
The Brooklyn Paper

A judge has dismissed a lawsuit seeking to halt development at the former Domino Sugar factory, ruling on Tuesday that the city broke no rules when it rezoned the industrial site for housing.

Supreme Court Judge Eileen Rakower said that the city's land-use and environmental review met all legal requirements, clearing the way for construction to begin on the waterfront site along Kent Avenue by late 2012, said Susan Pollack, vice

president of the developer, Community Preservation Resources Corporation.

"We are gratified by the unequivocal and swift decision," Pollack added.

Pollack's firm purchased the landmark Refinery building and several neighboring lots in 2003 with plans to develop 2,200 units of housing with retail space and a quarter-mile-long riverfront park.

Some community leaders, such as Assemblyman Vito Lopez (D-Williamsburg) and Councilman Steve

Levin (D-Williamsburg) demanded a higher percentage of below-market rate units. Others called for fewer units altogether — arguing that the neighborhood's streets, schools and subways could not support an influx of thousands of families.

The project ended up getting approved unanimously by the City Council last July. But that didn't halt a suit by a half-dozen Williamsburg residents, who charged the site's developer and city agencies with "wrongfully excluding the citizenry from meaningful participation

in a project of unprecedented impact" in a "bait and switch" deal.

The group, which calls itself Williamsburg Community Preservation Corporation in a play on the development company's name — is now considering an appeal of Tuesday's dismissal.

Meanwhile, some area leaders are crowing about the project, which would set aside 30 percent of its units — about 660 apartments — at below-market rates. It would also revive a stagnant section of the waterfront.



The redevelopment of the former Domino Sugar factory along the Williamsburg waterfront is moving forward, thanks to a judge's dismissal of a lawsuit against the project.



Artist Dana Eskelson has plastered big portraits of local shop owners onto stoops along Bergen Street in Park Slope.

Steps ahead

Artist changes Bergen Street stoops into new gallery space

By **Daniel Ng**
for The Brooklyn Paper

On Bergen Street, the stoops have eyes!

Brownstone Brooklyn's iconic feature — its front steps — have morphed into a gallery space as a dozen stoops have been plastered with the faces of local storeowners in recognition of their services to the community.

"I really love my shop owners," said Dana Eskelson, who organized the exhibit, part of a global public art project called "Inside Out." "They are always there and have been there forever. They make my neighborhood what it is and make my life better."

After doing some recruiting of neighbors, photograph taking, and matching of participants to their favorite storeowners, Eskelson quickly turned her idea into a block-wide extravaganza.

"All I did was recognize something that was there, which was this neighborhood and its appreciation for their shop owners," she said.

The end product has created stoop after stoop of top-to-bottom, black-and-white headshots of various storeowners.

There's Fourth and Bergen Bodega shop owner, Muhammad Ali, from Yemen!

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Brooklyn's meanest street

By **Natalie O'Neill**
The Brooklyn Paper

Fort Greene is Brooklyn's most treacherous bicycling neighborhood, according to the city's most-recent bike crash data.

Eight of the 21 most bike-accident-prone intersections are located in Fort Greene—Clinton Hill — and residents think they know why.

"There's no respect for bike lanes here," said Cassidy Vare, owner of Bespoke Bicycles, who said drivers constantly speed on the narrow streets and often double-park in lanes. "It's crazy."

Roughly every two weeks, Vare said, a flustered cyclist limps into his Lafayette Street shop, seeking repairs on a car-crunched bicycle — often just minutes after an accident.

The data back up Vare, revealing that 25 of 62 serious bike accidents were in the neighborhood.



Fort Greene and Clinton Hill leads the borough in bike accidents — and the corner of Myrtle Avenue near Navy Street is the most dangerous place.

The statistics, compiled by the Department of Transportation, are from intersections with at least three bike crashes during 2008 and 2009, the latest available years. But the numbers confirm a simple fact of life for cyclists: the more bikers, the more crashes.

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"Fort Greene is en route to Manhattan — and the more cyclists you have, in general, the more accidents you see," said Michael Murphy, a spokesman for the cycling advocacy group Transportation Alternatives. "But, really, there are so many factors to consider."

One factor could be the neighborhood's historic hostility to bike lanes, which dates back to 2006, when locals rejected five miles of new bike lanes along Carlton and Willoughby avenues.

Earlier this year, residents objected to a city plan for a bike lane on Lafayette Avenue, and the plan was scrapped.

Still, it's unclear if bike lanes help or hurt. Of the 25 "bike injury crashes" — cases in which cyclists report being physically

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Grab a seat outdoors at Flatbush Farm and dine on the Prospect Heights restaurant's steak frites and steamed mussels, shown off here by server Imani Robinson.



It's outdoor season

By **Sarah Zorn**
for The Brooklyn Paper

Summer is about three things: long days, balmy nights, and drinking outdoors. This week's Brooklyn Paper features our complete summer guide, starting on page 7, but kick off the season in style with this official outdoor dining special:

Flatbush Farm: You won't be knocking back your pint of Pinkus Organic Hefe amongst the haystacks and piggies at this farm, but in modern-day Brooklyn, any place with a 1,500-square-foot outdoor patio feels positively pastoral.

The menu reads like a who's who of favorite local suppliers, featuring seasonal Satur Farms veggies, grass-fed Fleischer's Meats, and vegetarian-diet Nester Tello eggs from Red Hook.

Flatbush Farm [76 St. Marks Ave. near Sixth

Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 622-3276].

Habana Outpost: Like a crocus signals spring, the opening of this chilled-out tropical respite means the boozy days of summer are just around the bend.

The eco-conscious can feel righteous about partaking in a margarita (or two or three) blended into frosty submission by a bicycle-powered mixer. The grilled corn with cotija cheese, mayo, chile and lime puts the street fair stuff to shame.

Habana Outpost [757 Fulton St. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 858-9500].

Vela Tapas: This elegant, small-plates addition to Bay Ridge's burgeoning dining scene has a happy secret; a secluded backyard patio perfect for sipping sangrias, caipirinhas, or generous glasses of Spanish red. Sharable bites — like

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FIRE SALE!

Bloomberg plots closure of eight Brooklyn companies

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

Backshaft!

Eight fire companies in Brooklyn — 40 percent of the proposed 20 citywide closures — could flame out under a controversial plan by the Bloomberg Administration to save \$55 million.

Of course, the city has been through these kinds of budgetary Kabuki dances before — times when administrations have proposed Draconian cuts which are followed by predictable protests and magical “restorations” of funding at the last minute.

But restorations aren’t certain. Indeed, in 2003, six firehouses were shuttered. Opponents say that this time, more closures would be disastrous.

Park Slope
Engine 220, 530 11th St.

Engine 220 embarks on 1,880 runs a year, but that’s comparatively low citywide. The company, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, serves south Park Slope and Windsor Terrace — an area that’s seen a five-percent population jump since 2000 — and is just a few blocks from New York Methodist Hospital, PS 107, the Pavilion cinema (don’t yell fire inside there when its crowded!) and barbecue areas inside Prospect Park. Engine 220 is the firehouse of Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio, who warned that “more lives will be lost” if the cuts come to pass. DeBlasio, arrested in 2004 for protesting

an engine company closing in Cobble Hill, said he’s prepared for handcuffs again “if that’s what it takes.”

If the station gets the ax, response times would increase by 30 seconds to 4:08, according to city estimates. Engine 239 — located nine blocks away on Fourth Avenue at Sixth Street — will serve the tony parkside communities. Pols and area celebrities including “Reservoir Dogs” actor Steve “Mr. Pink” Buscemi were set to protest outside the firehouse on Wednesday. — Natalie O’Neill

Brooklyn Heights
Engine 205, 74 Middagh St.

The demise of Engine 205 would raise response time by 52 seconds to 4:20 in an area bursting with new residents and families, city estimates contend.

The firehouse, near Henry Street, is around the corner from PS 8 and near the Promenade, Brooklyn Bridge Park, along with restaurants and churches.

The company — one of the first to dispatch firefighters to the World Trade Center during the 9-11 attacks — responds to calls in Brooklyn Heights, Downtown and DUMBO, which has seen a massive population boom since 2000 http://www.brooklynpaper.com/stories/34/10/dtg_downtownboom_2011_3_11_bk.html.

It shares its Middagh Street facility with Ladder 118, and averages 1,603 calls per year. — Kate Briquet



James and Sean Keeney, sons of Firefighter James Keeney, rallied outside Ladder 104 in Bushwick on Tuesday night.

Williamsburg
Ladder 104, 161 S. Second St.
Engine 206, 1201 Grand St.
Engine 218, 650 Hart St.

The trio of companies is among the least active in the city—but that’s no solace to a neighborhood still bitter over the closure of Engine 212 eight years ago.

The most likely to shut down is East Williamsburg’s Engine 206, nestled in an industrial peninsula abutting Newtown Creek near beer distributors and lumber yards.

It ranks 195th of 198 engine companies in total runs, making only an average of 1,102 calls in a three-year period, and if it were to close, response times would rise only 28 seconds, from 4:01 to 4:29.

But response times in Williams-

burg’s diversifying south side could rise 51 seconds, from 3:45 to 4:36, if Ladder 104 is shuttered.

And if Engine 218 is closed, response times in Bushwick could jump by 15 seconds, from 3:16 to 3:31.

Census records show communities near the stations have been growing steadily over the past decade: The population near Engine 218 rose 60 percent; a census tract near Engine 206 jumped 55 percent; and the tract containing Ladder 104 increased six percent.

Engine 216 on Union Street would likely cover emergency calls on Williamsburg’s south side while Engine 237 on Morgan Avenue would pick up the hose in East Williamsburg and southwest Bushwick. — Aaron Short

Park fish fry

Alliance slashes budget, killing Macy’s contest, other programs

By Natalie O’Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Prospect Park’s 63-year-old fishing contest will get the hook, and dozens of other programs will be slashed or saddled with new fees, thanks to dramatic budget cuts unveiled last week by the Prospect Park Alliance.

The gutting of the annual Macy’s Fishing Contest tradition, which last year reeled in more than 3,500 people, was the most dramatic cut,

but the list also includes a “modest” admission charge for adults at Lefferts Historic House; and the elimination of some educational programs at the house and at the adjacent Audubon Center, where kids currently enjoy science, nature and crafts programs.

The Alliance, which oversees operation of the park for the city, said the changes would reduce the group’s \$10-million budget by three percent, or \$300,000.



Budget cuts have killed the annual Macy’s fishing contest in Prospect Park, which was won by Sarah Murray in 2009.

The cuts come just five months after former Department of Sanitation Commissioner Emily Lloyd took over an Alliance at a crossroads and under fire for tardy trash pickups and last year’s federal slaughter of 300 geese.

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STEPS...

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Nearby is the face of Em-con Pharmacy owner Naresh Bhagroo from Guyana!

Jorge Sanchez of Venezuela who owns copy and print shop, Graphicolor, adorns another stoop!

“I loved it, absolutely loved it,” said Josephine Guevarra, whose front steps now feature Paul Kontorinis, owner of Paul’s Fruits and Vegetables. “I imagined it covering the entire steps and it did. I told Paul’s wife to take a picture of my stoop and put it in front of the store because I was so excited.”

Storeowners, likewise, were equally impressed with how the project turned out.

“I didn’t know what it meant to put my face on a stoop at first because I had nothing [to which to compare it],” said

Bhagroo. “When you stand back from a distance and see the whole thing — I’ve never seen anything like it.”

Bhagroo said that he has become somewhat of a celebrity since the project’s unveiling.

“The people that know me, they’ve told me that I’m going to become famous,” he said.

Angelica Radacinski, whose stoop is covered by the face of Canteen Deli’s owner Usman Majeed, emphasized that her family’s participation stemmed from their way of viewing the community.

“In Brooklyn, the one thing I’ve learned from growing up here is that we are all one family no matter who we are,” Radacinski said. “You should accept each other, and that’s what we wanted to support.”

“Inside Out,” was began by photographer and street



Richard Birne poses with his stoop portrait.

artist, “JR,” whose work has been dedicated to recognizing unsung heroes.

In turn, he’s encouraged others around the world to honor those they admire in their own creative ways using photography. The most breathtaking of the projects was created in a Rio slum.

Eskelson said that the project would be up until “Mother Nature takes them down.”

The Bergen Street stoops project (Bergen Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope). Eskelson is also working on raising funds for the education of Ghanaian children. For info, e-mail rightfoot.leftfoot.brooklyn@gmail.com.

GOSLING...

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said park watchdog Johanna Clearfield.

After the birth, The Brooklyn Paper quickly sponsored a naming contest and cooed for page after glorious page. The New York Times followed with a its own write-up, and a new group called Goose Watch formed to conduct “stake-outs” in the park to protect

the baby birds from another federal slaughter.

But on Sunday — one of six rainy days last week — park-goers noticed that Brooklyn’s famous goose family was short one squawker.

No feathered bodies have washed to shore, nor have there been signs of “fowl

play” — but healthy gosling almost always stick with their parents.

“If they are injured or weak they sometimes get left behind; but they don’t last long in those cases,” said Jane Austin, a biologist who works for the United States Geological Survey. “It’s likely that a predator got it.”

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to a game.

That program does not involve specially encoded tickets, and no such discount is available for fans traveling to

Madison Square Garden.

It has not been yet been determined if the MetroCard will be free to ticket holders, or prepaid.

Atlantic Yards critics

threw their support behind the ticket deal.

“Forest City should honor its commitment to make a project that is transit-oriented, as opposed to a massive parking lot in the community,” said Councilwoman Letitia James (D–Fort Greene). “I don’t think it’s too early to talk about it — we need to

begin discussions now. The façade of the arena is almost completed.”

The specialty card/ticket had been discussed as far back as 2005, but its development was shelved as a \$4.9-billion Atlantic Yards mega-development lagged because of opposition lawsuits, and the Great Recession.

DINING...

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patatas bravas with paprika aioli or dates with bacon and manchego cheese — are just the thing for diminished summer appetites.

Vela Tapas [8305 Third Ave. between 83rd and 84th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-0800].

Gowanus Yacht Club: The vacant lot by the entrance to the F and G trains on Smith Street undergoes a magical transformation when the weather turns warm — into a makeshift “beer garden” not unlike the one you and your college roommates cobbled together in the overgrown backyard of your dilapidated rental.

Cheap suds, grilled meat, and questionable characters complete the picture. Ah, the good old days!

Gowanus Yacht Club [323 Smith St. at President Street in Carroll Gardens, no phone].

Fette Sau: This temple of pig is plenty popular even in the dead of winter, so just try to snag an outdoor picnic table on a beautiful summers day. It’s worth the wait; there’s no better place to chow down on smoked meat, burnt-end baked beans, or key lime

pie, followed by gallons (yes, we said gallons) of delicious craft beer.

Fette Sau [354 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3404].

Strong Place: This cozy Cobble Hill bistro relies heavily on seafood, and in our book, that’s a great thing. Offerings include crispy brook trout with grapefruit and fennel, diver scallops with lemon and English peas, and Mayan shrimp cocktail with chipotle cocktail sauce — and the back patio is a great place to relax with a plate of East Coast oysters with a zippy mignonette.

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Ferry good news

New East River service to begin next month

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Manhattan-bound commuters will get new express service — albeit on the river rather than under it.

On June 13, New York Waterway will launch service connecting Greenpoint, Williamsburg and DUMBO to Lower Manhattan and Midtown every 20 minutes for \$4 a ride.

The city-subsidized service amounts to the latest riverboat gamble for an administration that has seen earlier service sink. Even with a three-year, \$9.3-million subsidy — up from zero for a prior operator — it is unclear if enough paying customers will keep this boat afloat.

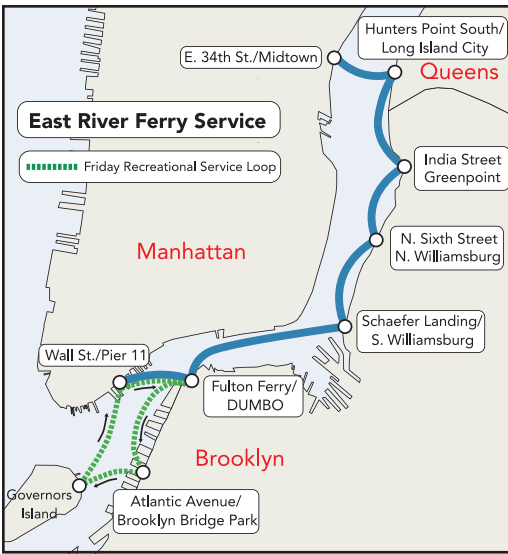
“It’s going to take time to build traffic,” said New



100 passengers beginning at 7 am from piers on India Street in Greenpoint, N. Sixth Street and Schaefer Landing in Williamsburg, and Fulton Ferry in DUMBO and drop them off at either Pier 11 in Lower Manhattan or East 35th Street in Midtown.

And during peak hours, between 7 am and 9:30 am and between 4:30 pm and 7 pm, commuters leaving DUMBO can get to Wall Street in as little as eight minutes and those leaving Greenpoint can get to Midtown in as little as 10.

On Fridays and the weekend, the ferry will add stops at Atlantic Avenue and Governors Island beginning at 9 am and ending at 8 pm — essentially cutting travel time between North Brooklyn and



Governors Island in half.

Boosters said it would change our lives forever.

But titanic challenges loom like an iceberg — dead ahead!

The city has forecasted that a ferry provider must lure about 718,000 commuter and recreational riders per year,

in order to meet its costs, according to a 2011 study.

That’s tough given the prices: it’ll cost \$4 to pay the ferryman for a single ride, of \$140 for a monthly pass, significantly more than the \$2.25 single ride and \$104 monthly unlimited ride offered by the MTA.

Bklyn Bridge Park kicks off

By Kate Briquélet
The Brooklyn Paper

This weekend, Brooklyn Bridge Park will be filled with cheese, frankfurters, sand — and eager park-goers galore.

Park officials announced that a concessions building and three sand volleyball courts would finally open at Pier 6 at the foot of Atlantic Avenue on Saturday, bringing more bustle to the unfinished 85-acre waterfront park along the East River.

Park Slope’s joint Bark will sell its organic hot dogs; the Milk Truck will churn out the grilled cheese and milkshakes that fans have come to love at the Brooklyn Flea; Uncle Louie G will sell Italian ices; and Blue Marble will scoop out its all-natural ice cream.

In June, Bark will expand its operation to the pier’s outdoor roof deck on weekends, serving craft beer and wine through Labor Day — and fulfilling a decades-old vision of park planners: a drink



Have even more fun at Brooklyn Bridge Park.

on the waterfront.

A Brooklyn Bridge Park spokeswoman said on Tuesday that in addition to the new grub, the pier’s lush green walkways would be ready on Saturday. The southernmost section of the proposed 1.3-mile-long park from DUMBO to Atlantic Avenue already features a megaplayground, dog run and pedestrian promenade, which opened last summer.

Pier 6 at Brooklyn Bridge Park (Atlantic Avenue at Furman Street in Brooklyn Heights). For info, visit www.brooklyn-bridgeparknyc.org.



Andrew Harmon dips a frozen banana in chocolate at the Nana’s Bananas booth.

All’s fair at the Smorgasburg

Great food, high prices at opening of Brooklyn Flea latest fest

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

It was a feast for the eyes and ears — but not the wallet.

Not content to just outfit us with tasteful loft décor, vintage gossamers and hip housewares, the Brooklyn Flea is now feeding us every Saturday this summer in Williamsburg.

Smorgasburg, the food-

only market at the river end of N. Sixth Street, opened this weekend to heavy crowds to taste the borough’s homemade treats.

There was a lot to choose from.

Foodies familiar with the tasty offerings at the Brooklyn Flea’s crafts and antique markets had their fill street vendor snacks including spinach pupusas from Solber Pupusas, and lobster rolls from

the Red Hook Lobster Pound, which both had half-hour lines throughout the day.

And there were plenty of new offerings including roasted garlic toast from Scratch Bread, hot dogs from the Meat Hook, cornflake cookies from the Momofuku Milk Bar, and vegan ice cream from Fine + Raw.

But the intensity of the hungry crowds wore on even the most battle-hardened food

purveyors.

Makers of Mexican cementas seemed to crack under the pressure of feeding Brooklyn bellies nearly non-stop for four hours, and several vendors complained of back aches and burns after standing on their feet for much of the day.

There were few deals to be had at Smorgasburg, where tacos cost \$3 and higher, cookies and cupcakes flew

north of \$2, hot dogs rose above \$4, a grilled cheese with three cheeses added up to \$8.50 and the lobster rolls clocked in at \$16.

But everything we tried was delicious — so maybe they’re onto something (again).

Smorgasburg (N. Sixth St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg), Saturdays, 10 am-4 pm. For info, visit www.smorgasburg.com.

BIKE...

Continued from page 1 injured during a collision with another vehicle — about half of the Fort Greene-Clinton Hill cases took place on posted cycle routes.

Indeed, the most precarious intersection in Fort Greene is Myrtle Avenue at Navy Street, with four reported bike injury cases in 2009. Both streets have bike lanes. Nearby Navy Street at Tillary Streets and DeKalb Avenue at Washington Avenue each had three cases.

That doesn’t surprise Diane Davidson, an analyst at

the National Transportation Research Center, a non-profit that offers government consulting.

“Bike lanes don’t necessarily improve safety at an intersection,” she said. “You still have to conduct a turning motion and the stripe doesn’t extend where streets meet. . . . It can provide a false sense of security.”

And it gets worse when you consider that most people don’t file a police report, said Vane.

“It happens more than you’d think,” he said.

ROGUE...

Continued from page 1 deed, but said that there’s more to this “every employer’s nightmare” story than meets the eye.

“I was treated good at first, and then an iPhone goes missing, and I’m the first one he blames,” Baker said. “If he would have never blamed me, I would have never double-crossed him like that. I felt he was a cool guy.”

Because Zayan was so “cool,” the teenager said that he had no problem with the menial tasks he was asked to perform during his four-

week internship: changing light bulbs and fetching coffee while gallery staff smoked cigarettes.

Zayan denied the intern’s account, saying that he didn’t ask Baker about the missing iPhone until after the PayPal breach.

“I had no evidence, so I couldn’t accuse him,” Zayan said. “It should have been very easy to suspect him for everything, but I don’t work like that.”

Neither does Baker, he said.

“It could go back in time and quit instead, I would.”

Baker had been placed at Invisible Dog through Exalt, a program that finds paid internships for troubled teens.

About 150 youth go through the program each year, after a long application and screening process. A five-week assessment prior to placement makes backstabbing by students “extremely rare,” said Sonja Okun, the group’s founder.

“This was really just an isolated incident,” Okun said.

Of Exalt’s 127 graduates from the past two years, 11 percent have had new arrests — though there have been

no convictions, which Okun sees as testament to the program’s effectiveness.

Exalt has expelled Baker and refunded Zayan’s money. The rest is now up to the police.

For now, Zayan is taking a “que sera sera” approach to it (he’s European).

“For me, and for the Invisible Dog, this isn’t a big deal,” he said Zayan. “But for the intern, he’s in a very bad situation.”

Despite his ill-fated first experience, he will continue to work with the Exalt program.

“I’m not going to stop my collaboration,” Zayan said. “I believe in what they do.”

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Baby survives dumping

88TH PRECINCT
Fort Greene—Clinton Hill
A woman was arrested for tossing her hours-old baby down a trash shoot inside the Whitman Houses on May 22.

The baby survived the eight-story plunge inside the building on Cumberland Walk near Carlton Avenue, and was rescued by a Housing Authority employee who heard the tot's muffled cries inside the trash compactor at 9:30 am.

The baby, a boy, still had his umbilical cord attached — and doctors at Brooklyn Hospital estimated that he was between 12 and 15 hours old.

The mother, Laquasia Wright, is facing attempted homicide charges.

Heavy artillery
A woman hit a victim near Fort Greene Park with what the victim said felt like a padlock wrapped in a sock on May 4.

The victim was going home at 5:45 pm when she came upon a group of girls involved in a melee. In the ensuing confusion, the victim was struck by the heavy item, causing pain and swelling.

Blackburred
Two thieves stole a man's Blackberry on May 17 on Greene Avenue while two witnesses did nothing.

The victim was near Cumberland Street at 3 pm when two men approached and demanded his Blackberry. He refused and handed the phone to a friend before the posse began to beat him up, knocking him to the ground, kicking him in the head and breaking his glasses.

At some point, the pummeling ended when the victim told his friend to hand over the phone.

Vanishing act
A thief stole a woman's wallet on the B41 bus near Atlantic Terminal on May 18.

The victim was on the bus at 11 am and exited to board a Long Island Rail Road train in the bollard-surrounded terminal at Flatbush Avenue. When she looked for her wallet to pay for her train ticket, she discovered that her wallet was missing.

She did not remember being jostled on the bus — but that's how good these pickpockets are.

— **J.J. Despain**

78TH PRECINCT
Park Slope
Hospital mess

Yet another patient was robbed while recuperating at New York Methodist Hospital on Sixth Street.

In the latest incident, the 46-year-old victim told cops that he was in his room in the hospital on May 14, making “numerous trips” from his bed for procedures. By the next day at 7:30 pm, he noticed that a thief had swiped his American Express card — and by the time he canceled it, \$190 in purchases had been made.

It's the 10th time that a patient has been victimized inside the medical center between Seventh and Eighth avenues since January, 2010.

Phone snatch
A thug swiped an iPhone as its owner chatted on it on Lincoln Place on May 16.

The woman told cops that she was near Sixth Avenue at around 2:45 pm when the thief sneaked up from behind, grabbed the fancy smartphone, and kept on running towards Seventh Avenue.

Gun mug
Two model-thin muggers — one with a gun — ripped off a cabbie for \$100 on Garfield Place on May 18.

The 58-year-old victim told cops that he was waiting for a fare between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West at around 9 pm when two youngsters approached, and one pulled a gun and said, “Give me your money.”

The driver handed over the cash, and the thugs fled towards Prospect Park.

Cops are looking for a 5-foot-8, 130-pound 17-year-old and his 6-foot, 125-pound accomplice whose age is not known.

Burg time
There were at least two break-ins last week:

- A thief stole more than \$1,400 in tools from a St. Johns Place apartment between May 16 and May 18. The tenant said that the thieves entered via the fire escape on the building near Fifth Avenue.
- A thief stole cash and electronic goodies from a Warren Street unit while its tenant was working the overnight shift on May 15. The 22-year-old victim told cops that she left the building, between Third and Fourth avenues, to go to work at 3:30 pm. She returned at 1 am to find her iPod, cellphone and \$100 gone.

— **Gersh Kuntzman**

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77TH PRECINCT
Prospect Heights
Crazed biker

A knife-wielding bicyclist threatened a man on Flatbush Avenue on May 18.

The 43-year-old victim told cops that he was near Park Place at around 9:45 pm, when a rogue cyclist bumped into him. The two men got into a fight and the biker then pulled out a knife and said, “I’m gonna stab you!”

Cops are hunting for a balding, 6-foot, 220-pound man.

Huffy hoodlum
A jerk jacked a shop owner's bicycle on Vanderbilt Avenue on May 19.

The 50-year-old victim told cops he was in front of his restaurant, the Brooklyn Pizza Factory, near Park Place at 11:30 am when a man snatched his \$100 silver bike and rode away — in a Huffy!

Tire stab
A thug slashed the tires on a man's fancy car on St. Marks Avenue on May 20.

The 59-year-old victim told cops he parked his 2011 Jeep near Flatbush Avenue at around 12:30 pm, and then returned to find that two of his wheels had been knifed several times.

Toy stickup
A fake gun-wielding thug snatched cash from a woman on Butler Place on May 18.

The 30-year-old victim told cops that she was in the doorway of an apartment near Plaza Street East at around 9:10 pm, when the scary jerk flashed a silver toy handgun and then swiped her dough.

Cops arrested a 19-year-old suspect the same day.

— **Natalie O'Neill**

84TH PRECINCT
Brooklyn Heights—DUMBO—Boerum Hill—Downtown
Phone chase

Three mean girls swiped an iPhone from a 30-year-old woman on Montague Street on May 19, causing a neighborhood chase that ended in some arrests.

The victim said she was near Court Street at 11:45 pm when a posse of girls grabbed the phone.

The swipe attracted the attention of a police officer, who headed off in pursuit, joined by at least a half-dozen witnesses.

One of the girls then threw the phone into some bushes at Cadman Plaza West and Pierrepont Street, but the cop arrested a 14- and 16-year-old on the scene. One suspect remains at large.

Double deal
A thief stole two laptops from a Water Street construction site on May 19.

A worker at the new loft apartments near Bridge Street said that he last saw his devices when he left work at 6 pm. When he returned the next day, he discovered that someone had broken an office door and pilfered the tech treasure.

Stab at it
A lunatic stabbed a 22-year-old man on Wyckoff Street on May 18.

The victim told police that he was heading to his mother-in-law's house at 1:15 am when a 40-something man approached him between Court and Smith streets, demanding, “Give me everything you got!”

The son-in-law flinched, and the stabber pierced his left arm before fleeing.

Pro bono
A looter scored big time when he took 15 MacBook Pros from an online design firm on Main Street.

A 33-year-old employee at Huge LLC, near Front Street, told police that she last saw the laptops at 7:30 pm on May 13. The burglar would need a key for access, she said, and many employees and cleaning crew have one.

Tourist woes
A purse-snatcher swiped a St. Louis woman's bag from her seat at Junior's on Flatbush Avenue Extension on May 21.

The woman and her husband were at the cheesecake haven near DeKalb Avenue at 3:30 pm when she realized her purse was gone.

The grifter got away with driver's licenses, credit cards, \$650 in traveler's checks, \$300, Xanax pills, and hundreds in store gift cards.

386 Flatbush Avenue Ext.

Got Moxie
A crook broke into a file cabinet at an Atlantic Avenue family restaurant and absconded with \$700.

An employee at The Moxie Spot near Hicks Street told

then asked for Newport menth-ol cigarettes, making off with five packs (which is almost the same value).

Flix picked
A desperate cinephile burglarized a tractor trailer on Halleck Street on May 15.

The 39-year-old victim told cops he parked near Columbia Street at 9 am, and returned at 6:45 pm to find that the rear window of his 2007 white Volvo rig had been busted, and a \$225 global positioning system, \$125 DVD player, and 100 DVDs worth \$500, had been taken.

Burglar roll
A creep with fingers like sticky rice burglarized a Henry Street sushi joint on May 16.

Cops said the burglar entered Hibino Japanese restaurant, near Pacific Street, at around 4:30 am, snatching a camera, and an envelope containing \$130.

Headbanger
A man and woman robbed and beat a man with a brick on Dwight Street on May 20.

The 50-year-old victim was near King Street at 3:30 pm when he was approached by the pernicious pair, which, without warning, hit him over the head with a brick, kicked him as he fell, and snatched his \$100 cellphone.

Officer Michael Hewitt arrested the alleged attackers, a 46-year-old man and a 43-year-old woman.

— **Gary Buiso**

68TH PRECINCT
Bay Ridge—Dyker Heights
Pig deal

Thieves stole thousands of dollars worth of goods and a

— **Kate Briquelet**

76TH PRECINCT
Carroll Gardens—Cobble Hill—Red Hook
Bandana man

A bandana-wearing thug robbed a Columbia Street deli at gunpoint on May 17.

The 49-year-old victim said that the do-rag-donning thief burst into the Carroll Garden Deli & Grocery, near President Street, at 10 pm, pointing a black pistol and demanding money. The worker handed over \$800, and the creep paused, and

in coins from an Ovington Avenue apartment sometime between May 16 and 17.

The victim told cops that she left her home, between Ridge Boulevard and Third Avenue, at 8 am. She returned the next day to find that her jewelry, laptop, eye glasses, fur coat and lucrative piggy bank were gone.

Threecherous
Three thugs swiped about \$100,000 and jewelry from a 77th Street home on May 15.

Security videos showed the three criminals entering the house between Colonial and Ridge roads at around 8 pm. They made off with checks, a watch and cash — both American greenbacks and the currently popular Euros.

Coach car
Someone broke into a car parked on 62nd Street on May 15 to steal a Coach purse and a wallet.

The victim told cops that she left her vehicle between Eighth and Ninth avenues at 4:40 pm and returned a half-hour later to find her stuff gone.

Gang up
Five thugs beat up and mugged a man on Fifth Avenue and 72nd Street on May 17.

The 25-year-old victim told cops that he was walking near the intersection around 4:45 when the quintet approached him.

One perp asked “Are you a Latin Kings?” The victim said no, after which the group jumped him. The rowdy bunch then punched and kicked him before grabbing his iPod and fleeing.

— **Alex Rush**

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Owner LB Brown is offering special savings as part of the gallery's anniversary celebration.

20 YEARS OF ART

By Camille Sperrazza
A Clinton Hill staple is celebrating a big anniversary this year — and you get to reap the benefits.

Clinton Hill Simply Art and Framing Gallery is turning 20 this October, and to celebrate, owner LB Brown is offering special savings.

Stop by the gallery and pick up one of the complimentary calendars — a compilation of monthly specials to save you big. For example, during May, bring in a piece of child's artwork and receive 40 percent off the regular cost of custom framing.

June's theme is “Event Month,” and the first 25 people to take advantage of this free event will get to meet a local artist at his or her studio, where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain some firsthand knowledge of the profession.

And come fall, LB will be bringing back one of her most popular retail promotions, “Broken Glass Thursdays.”

The customers are important to LB, and because they have been strong supporters of her business for two decades, she wants to give back. This year-long anniversary celebration of deep discounts is her way of saying thank you. The calendar of monthly discounts is some of her most popular promotions from over the years, and it reflects savings “as high as 60 percent off art or framing services,” she says.

In fact, she's so big on giving back to the community that on Oct. 20, the gallery's anniversary date, she's going big, and is planning a VIP reception with special guests.

“It's going to be very exciting and different,” LB promises.

And this is a woman who keeps her promises. For the gallery's 10th anniversary, she took 10 customers with her to Santa Fe, NM, to explore regional art and culture.

“It was a life-altering trip,” she says of the experience, in which everyone from different walks of life came together and

shared new experiences.

The gallery is the “oldest art and picture-framing business independently owned and operated by an African-American female in the city,” says LB. And like many entrepreneurs, LB started the business because she had a passion. A collector of global art, she was an advertising executive for Ebony Magazine, but then began to notice people's increased interest in buying art. She researched it, and learned that there wasn't a business that specialized in ethnic artwork for the middle class market.

“I took a chance,” she says. It became such an overwhelming business success that she needed to devote more time to the gallery. “I decided to take a year off from my career — and I have never looked back.”

It was after the Sept. 11 attacks that the framing business really took off, as people started coming in with personal items they wanted to have framed. They weren't necessarily pictures, but rather sentimental items that people wanted to be able to display. The gallery underwent a transformation as LB began to focus on custom framing. She became a skilled picture framer and represents a small percentage, industry-wide, of professional femal picture framers.

Now, framing represents “about 90 percent of my total revenue,” she says, and customers can bring in any object they wish to have framed.

“We will translate it to a design that is frame-able,” she says. “It can be a document, anything imaginable. There are no limitations in custom framing services today.”

Here's to 20 more years.

Visit the working artist's studio in Carroll Gardens, June 26 from 2 to 4 pm. Free, but must RSVP. Call (718) 624-5041.

Clinton Hill Simply Art and Framing Gallery [583 Myrtle Ave. off Classon Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 857-0074] Open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 am to 6 pm..

Commish lays down the law!

Four league-leading teams are now on notice for not showing up on Sundays

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Eighty percent of success is showing up — but Kickball’s best barely do that.

Four veteran teams in the Brooklyn Kickball League received temporary demotions this year to Tuesday’s league — the triple-A equivalent of the sport — because they have not been able to field a full roster of players.

Last year’s champions, the John Cougar Mellencamps, runner-ups Pony Boys, quarterfinalist Never Scared, and tough

out Zeus’ Beard, all took penalties less than a month into the 2011 season, after Commissioner Kevin “The Commish” Dailey laid out the new “relegation” policy promoting attendance.

“I can’t have teams blowing off kickball,” said Dailey. “Until they show up on Tuesday, they are not welcome on Sunday — they must prove that they have their s—t together.”

The absences have contributed to the season’s sluggish start and deprived the league of several marquee matchups.

Never Scared bowed out of its highly

anticipated matches Sunday against the New Frontiersmen and the Pony Boys forcing Dailey to scramble for make-up games.

So far, the preseason darling Boys have posted one measly win, with two losses and three ties — because they’ve been a few horses short of a cavalry.

Meanwhile, the ever-punctual Mellencamps have already taken two byes — and they could have used another this week after getting mind f—ked by Diddy’s White Party, 4-1.

Diddy mascot John “Placido” Do-

mingos said his team, currently in first place with a 6-0 record, is succeeding through “good baserunning, well-placed kicks and great defense” while capitalizing on Mellencamp mistakes.

That and a pep talk from pitcher Mike “Curly” Hayes, after the team took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

“They are a great team, and have been since before we even had a team in the league,” said a deferential Domingos. “They took our game really seriously it seemed like, probably because we took the lead in the first and didn’t give it up.”

In their other games, Diddy needed American Blood, 2-1, while the second-ranked Mellencamps mercied Victorious Vices, and the Pony Boys settled for ties against the Mathletes and American Blood.

And the Bacon Bits continued to roll, racking up a sweep of Ram Rod, 8-1, and Sugar Tits, 6-1, while People’s Court tied Never Scared, 3-3, after big purple led, 2-1, through the fourth inning, but lost to Salute Your Jorts.

And second-ranked New Frontiersmen survived a scare when top outfielder Matt “Marquis de” Sadewitz tweaked his knee before his team defeated Space Rabies. Sadewitz said he’s fine and doesn’t expect to miss any time.

“It’s swollen and bruised but no real damage at all — I just have to wait for it to stop being tender,” said Sadewitz, who missed most of last season with a broken collarbone.

Brooklyn Kickball at Gilroy Field in McCarren Park (Bedford Avenue at N. 13th Street in Greenpoint), Sundays, 5–11 pm.


Amanda “Screech” Donelan, Saved by the Balls

Photo by Aaron Short

Stabbing at club

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint—Northside

A thug stabbed a 29-year-old man four times in the neck and arm as he was dancing at a N. Sixth Street club.

The victim told police that he was on the dance floor at Public Assembly at 3:46 am when the violent perp stabbed him several times and ran down N. Sixth Street.

Five guys

Five perps beat up a teenager and tried to steal his bicycle on May 19 on Metropolitan Avenue.

The victim told police he was riding near Lorimer Street at 5 pm, when the perps approached and started punching and kicking him.

The thugs tried to grab the bike, but its owner wouldn’t let it go, so the perps fled — and got arrested by police a few blocks away.

iPhone taken

Two thieves punched a man and stole his iPhone on Graham Avenue on May 20.

The perps approached the man near Engert Street at 4:35 pm, and started punching him in the face. One shouted, “Give us your phone,” while the other grabbed it out of his hand.

Headlock phone

Two perps grabbed a man and stole his cash near Berry Street on May 20.

The victim had left the L-

someone had swiped the German-made machine.

— Aaron Short

90TH PRECINCT

Southside—Bushwick

Phone mug

Two perps stole a man’s phone on Bogart Street on May 21.

The victim left the L-train station near Grattan Street at 6 am, when two perps confronted him, asking for a cigarette.

The victim refused, so one perp pressed a hard object against his back and said, “Run your jack,” while the other removed an iPhone. The perps ran away, but police caught one suspect later.

iSnatch

Two female thieves distracted their victim and one snatched her iPhone on Meserole Street on May 22.

The woman was walking to work near Lorimer Street at 2:40 pm when the perps approached her. One asked, “What time is it?” while the other took the phone — and they both fled.

Meserole Street and Lorimer Street

Pool break-in

A thief busted into a locker at the Metropolitan Pool on Bedford Avenue on May 21 and

stole a swimmer’s wallet.

The victim told cops that he had locked his stuff at 3 pm in the gym near Metropolitan Avenue, but when he returned after an hourlong workout, he found his lock was broken and his stuff missing.

Compucrime

A thief took a laptop from a S. Second Street apartment on May 21.

The tenant told police that she left her apartment near Havemeyer Street at 6 pm and returned at midnight to find it gone.

Keap it

A thief stole a Honda on S. Second Street between May 15 and May 16.

The driver parked near Keap Street at 6 pm, but when he returned at 11 pm the next day, it was missing.

— Aaron Short

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene—Clinton Hill

Baby survives!

A woman was arrested for tossing her hours-old baby down a trash shoot inside the Whitman Houses on May 22.

The baby survived the eight-story plunge inside the building on Cumberland Walk near Carlton Avenue, and was rescued by a Housing Authority employee who heard the tot’s muffled cries inside the trash compactor at 9:30 am.

The baby, a boy, still had his umbilical cord attached — and doctors at Brooklyn Hospital estimated that he was between 12 and 15 hours old.

The mother, Laquasia Wright, is facing attempted homicide charges.

— J.J. Despain

McKibbin Lofts are party — and crime — central

Three break-ins in four days depress hipsters

By Aaron Short and J.J. Despain

The Brooklyn Paper

Gun-toting muggers used a Williamsburg loft building as their personal Best Buy last week, hitting a hipster-filled McKibbin Street building at least three times.

Several armed robbers broke into unlocked rooms and stole thousands of dollars worth of video game systems and laptops at gunpoint in the incidents at 255 McKibbin St. for a total of three crimes in a span of four days — each the result of perps gaining access to the building and entering unlocked apartment doors inside the hipster hive.

The reign of terror began on May 16, two thieves entered a first-floor apartment just before 8 pm to find the tenant playing his video game. The thieves threatened to kill him if he screamed, and began rummaging through his stuff before grabbing the gaming system, plus the victim’s iPhone and wallet.

The next day, a burglar broke into a third-floor apartment at 6:15 pm and swiped a video game console and laptop while the resident was in another room.

Two days later, a violent robber walked into a fifth-floor apartment at 12:40 am to find its tenants watching TV.

“Give me all your stuff, I have a gun, I shoot people,” he shouted before loading the tenants’ laptops, cellphones, iPods and Xbox games into a white shopping bags.

“I been shot three times,” he shared


Roy Cherian is one of the many unsuspecting victims living in the loft apartments on McKibbin Street.

Photo by J.J. Despain

for its late-night record release parties, video shoots, and impromptu performance art exhibitions.

The building has unabashedly assumed the label as Williamsburg’s hipster headquarters, or at least its first encounter.

Its tenants, many of whom are college students and new residents to Brooklyn, are attracted to the twin converted factories because of its cheap rent — but find themselves subjected to cramped, subdivided quarters and minimal privacy.

Now they’re worried about its lax security.

McKibbin dweller Roy Cherion, whose apartment was burglarized this week, said it is easy for people to come in and out of his building — but few residents are taking necessary precautions.

“We’re definitely more paranoid about making sure we check before letting someone in but so far we haven’t noticed anything drastically different,” said Cherion.

And resident Amelia Trask wasn’t surprised about the robberies.

“It’s a good target,” said Task. “Everybody in here is an artist. Everybody has video or music equipment.”

That could change, said former tenant Ashley Rambo, who is worried that the violence will permanently end the party.

“I want to be open to other people in the neighborhood, but it creates a dynamic where you’re not sure if that’s possible,” said Rambo. “McKibbin was an open place where people kept door unlocked — now it’s almost a gated community.”

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Hot stuff!

Here's your guide to the perfect red, hot, cool summer

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The Brooklyn Paper

Put on the sunscreen and grab your sunglasses — the outdoor entertainment season is upon us. Here's our guide to the biggest music, film, reading, theatrical and recreational events going on this summer. Use our guide or risk a season's worth of regrets come September.

MUSIC

SummerStage — in Brooklyn!

The long-running Central Park series can be found in Brooklyn this June, with four parks hosting free concerts, plays and dance performances. The diverse lineup includes one hot week at Red Hook Park, with Talib Kweli (June 21), Ozomatli (June 22), We Are Scientists (June 23) and Reggie Watts (June 24,); The Metropolitan Opera (July 13, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 1); a salute to hip-hop featuring EPMD and Funkmaster Flex (June 7, Betsy Head Memorial Playground); Nice and Smooth (June 15, Von King Park); and “Indomitable: James Brown,” two nights devoted to the funk soul legend (June 17 and 18, Von King Park).

Betsy Head Memorial Playground (Strauss Street at Livonia Avenue in Brownsville, no phone); *Red Hook Park* (Clinton Street at Lorraine Street in Red Hook, no phone); *Von King Park* (Lafayette Avenue at Greene Avenue in Fort Greene, no phone); *Brooklyn Bridge Park* (lawn of Pier 1 at the foot of Old Fulton Street in DUMBO, no phone). For info, visit www.summerstage.com.

Celebrate Brooklyn

The folks at the badly punctuated, but extremely worthy BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn have done it again, putting together a “Celebrate Brooklyn” schedule that will appeal to diverse communities across Brooklyn that share one common goal: free concerts. The series kicks off at the Prospect Park bandshell on June 10 with a free concert by Andrew Bird, and includes Latin funk band Los Lobos (July 8), seminal rock band The Feelies (July 23), and, in an interactive element, a “West Side Story” dance and sing-along (July 21). Not all the Celebrate Brooklyn festivities are free — so there will also be ticketed concerts featuring the Decemberists (June 14, sold out), Animal Collective (July 12, sold out), Sufjan Stevens (August 2), Bon Iver (Aug. 10, sold out) and Cut Copy (Aug. 11).

Celebrate Brooklyn at the Prospect Park bandshell [Ninth Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 855-7882]. Suggested donation, \$3. For info, visit www.celebratebrooklyn.org.



Music man: Zach Condon's Beirut will headline the Northside Festival with an outdoor concert at McCarren Park in Williamsburg on June 17. (Top from left to right) Also on the summer agenda is Animal Collective at Prospect Park, Rosemary's Baby in Brooklyn Bridge Park, the Cyclone at Coney Island, and the Mermaid Parade on June 18.

Northside Music Festival

The Northside Music Festival keeps getting bigger, this year adding a day and taking over more Williamsburg and Greenpoint locations — too many to list here. Highlights, though, include Beirut on June 17 at McCarren Park, and Guided by Voices on June 18, also at McCarren Park.

Northside Music Festival (various locations in Williamsburg and Greenpoint), June 16-19. For info, visit www.thelmagazine.com/blogs/NorthsideFestivalNews.

Marty Markowitz's summer concerts

Don't head to Asser Levy Park for Borough President Markowitz's annual Seaside Summer Concert Series — the Brighton Beach bandshell no longer is a venue option for the summertime staple due to noise complaints. Instead, W. 21st Street will host the popular attraction, which last summer brought out tens of thousands to

see the likes of the B-52s. There's no controversy surrounding Markowitz's other summer series, the Martin Luther King, Jr. concerts at Wingate Field in Crown Heights, but in any event, neither schedule was available by press time. It should be released by mid-June.

Seaside and Martin Luther King, Jr. summer concert series. For info, visit www.brooklynconcerts.com or call (718) 222-0600.

Williamsburg Waterfront

East River State Park will be pumping once again this summer, as the waterfront venue hosts free and paid concerts this summer. The series's former promoter, Jelly-NYC, is gone, but the new one, the Open Space Alliance, has scheduled 15 shows this summer. Here's a look at what's been confirmed as of press time:

June 11: Coheed and Cambria, free

July 7: Kid Cudi

July 22: Death From Above 1979

July 29: Eugene Mirman, They Might Be Giants, free

Aug. 2: Death Cab For Cutie

Aug. 12: Sonic Youth

Sept. 8: TV On The Radio, Broken Social Scene

East River State Park (Kent Avenue between N. Eighth and N. Ninth streets, no phone). For info, visit www.openspace-alliancecnb.org.

Brooklyn Hip-Hop Festival

The borough's hip-hop week returns to DUMBO this year, bringing old-school, new-school, funk, soul, local, and international artists. Don't miss headliner Q-Tip on July 16.

Brooklyn Hip-Hop Festival, July 11-16, venue TBA. For info, visit www.brooklyn-bodega.com.

BAM Rhythm & Blues Festival

If you find yourself (like us!) down at Metrotech during lunch, don't miss this free outdoor concert soul series. Here's a look at the full line up:

June 2: George Clinton & Parliament/Funkadelic

June 9: Dionne Farris

June 16: Geri Allen and Timeline with special guests Don Byron and Transcendence

June 23: A Day in Treme: The Musical Majesty of New Orleans starring the Donald Harrison Quintet, Mardi Gras Indians, and special guest Cyril Neville

June 30: Bobbi Humphrey

July 7: RAM

July 14: Swamp Dogg

July 21: Urban Guerilla Orchestra with special guest Miles Jave

July 28: José James

Aug. 4: Maxi Priest

BAM Rhythm & Blues Festival at Metrotech Commons [Myrtle and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 636-4100], noon-2 pm. Free. For info, visit www.bam.org.

BOOKS

Summer's always a good time to restock your book collection — there's new releases, great readings at your local bookstore, and you'll need something to do on vacation when you're trying not to check your BlackBerry.

“Coney Island: 40 Years”

Nothing says summer like Coney Island. And in Harvey Stein's new coffee table-ready book, you can experience 40 years of summers at the fabled beach as the photographer presents more than 200 black and white images, from the Cyclone roller See **HOT STUFF** on page 9

CINEMA

High anxiety!

“Vertigo” may be considered Alfred Hitchcock's finest work, but it didn't always get the respect it now commands.



When the auteur's suspenseful tale of obsession came out in 1958, audiences and critics were unenthusiastic. But the world eventually came around, thanks to commanding performances by James Stewart as an acrophobic San Francisco detective and Kim Novak as the woman he's hired to track; a swirling score by Bernard Herrmann; and, of course, groundbreaking shots by the master director.

“‘Vertigo’ is one, if not the most, beautiful and complex films ever produced in Hollywood,” said Jake Perlin, program associate for the Brooklyn Academy of Music's film curation program.

“Vertigo” at the Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Rockwell and Ashland places in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], June 3-8. For info, visit www.bam.org. — *Meredith Deliso*

DINING

Cheese it

Williamsburg residents have yet another terrific excuse to stay out late drinking on the weekends.

The Morris Grilled Cheese Truck will be out trolling Bedford and Wythe Avenues and N. Sixth Street by the end of the month, peddling everyone's favorite gooey gutbomb — just the thing for wrapping up an evening of alcohol-induced excess.

And in a crafty move geared towards the stroller set, Park Slope will get a bite of the action on weekend afternoons.

“I knew I wanted to have a truck, but it was my girlfriend that ultimately thought of doing grilled cheese,” said owner Michael Jacober. “Everyone loves it, it's so totally American, and it's the perfect street food.”

Toasted cheese may sound like child's play, but in the hands of a chef who has done time at Per Se, Insieme and Annisa in Manhattan and Franny's in Prospect Heights, it's sublime. Jacober is sourcing top-of-the-line ingredients from Murrays and Saxeley Cheesemongers (cheese), and Orwashers, Balthazar, and Granddaisy (bread).

The finished product will run \$5, but a late-night, \$3 special is in the works.

“I'm crunching the numbers, but we'll make it happen,” promised Jacober.

For info, visit www.facebook.com/pages/Morris-Grilled-Cheese or Twitter @ morri-struck.

— *Sarah Zorn*

EVENT

Bike love

Pedaling paramours will demonstrate their devotion to two-wheeled transportation at Bicycle Fetish Day in Williamsburg this Saturday.

But rest assured, the only leather present will be vintage Brooks bicycle seats and the only chains will be locking up two-wheelers to a bike racks on Havemeyer Street.

Instead, the street will be teeming with fixies, BMXers, vintage roadsters, handmade velodrome-ready racers, and shiny custom machines that are the pride of the Puerto Rican Bicycle Club.

Organizer Lacey Tauber promises that the all-day affair, now in its seventh year, will have something for everyone — unless you drive a car.

“I really enjoy the fact that it's a space for different cycling communities to come together,” said Tauber. “But it's all about fun, not about all the tough issues.”

Bicycle Fetish Day (Havemeyer Street at Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg), May 28, noon-6pm. Free. For info, www.city-reliquary.org.

— *Aaron Short*

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WHERE TO GO

EDITORS' PICKS

SATURDAY
May 28



Aural pleasure

The Fort Greene Festival isn't for another month, but you can get in the spirit when Q-Tip headlines a kick-off party on May 28 at Sanders Studio. The boyish rapper will be joined by Michaela Angela Davis, Danny Simmons, Toure X, AJ Calloway and Rosie Perez, who must be on speed dial whenever there's something to do with Fort Greene.

9 pm. Q-Tip at Sanders Studio [525 Waverly Pl. between Fulton and Atlantic avenues in Fort Greene, (646) 232-8857]. Tickets \$15. For info, visit www.fortgreenefest.com.

MONDAY
May 30

Never forget

It's Memorial Day, which means parades and partying. Start at Fatty 'Cue in Williamsburg, where the barbecue joint has teamed up with Beer Table. Then head to the "Freaks and Geeks" party at the Bell House, with comics Michael Austin and Jerm Pollet.

Noon-7 pm. Fatty 'Cue [91 S. Sixth Street between Bedford and Berry streets in Williamsburg, (718) 599-3090]. Tickets \$40. For info, visit www.fattycue.com; 8 pm. "Freaks and Geeks" at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510]. Tickets \$5. For info, visit www.thebellhouseny.com.



THURSDAY
June 2



Geek love

The Brick is channeling its inner geek — again — with a monthlong Comic Book Theater Festival featuring shows about superheroes, webcomics, adaptations of comic books, cartoonists, and, of course, Broadway's "Spider-Man" debacle. The festival begins with a comic revue performance of snippets from all the plays.

8 pm. Comic Book Theater Festival preview at the Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189], June 2-July 1. Tickets \$15. For info, visit www.bricktheater.com.

FRIDAY
June 3

On the Hook

Red Hook Fest returns with two days of performers including La Roka RPM, Full Circle, Tato Torres y Yerbabuena, Paul Joseph and MetroSonics, hip-hop theater duo Climbing PoeTree (pictured), and the all-female dance collective INSPIRIT.

6-9 pm. Red Hook Fest at PS 15 [71 Sullivan St. between Richards and Van Brunt streets in Red Hook, (718) 330-9280]. Free. Also at Louis J. Valentino Park (Coffey and Ferris streets) on June 4, 11 am-7 pm. For info, visit www.redhookfest.com.



SATURDAY
June 4



Walk the Ridge

Get a glimpse of Bay Ridge's oldest sites, including a cemetery where Revolutionary War soldiers are buried and a park that was once the 19th-century estate of the first editor of the original Brooklyn Eagle (no relation to today's publication), on a great walking tour.

10 am-1:30 pm. Bay Ridge tour [meet at 69th Street near Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-6827]. Free. RSVP to communitybd10@nyc.rr.com.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, MAY 27

DREAMLAND FIRE WALKING TOUR: Learn all about the blaze that reshaped Coney Island. \$15. Coney Island History Project [3059 W. 12th St. near Bowery Street in Coney Island, www.coneyislandhistory.org.

THEATER, "KING LEAR": Derek Jacobi stars in Donmar Warehouse's production of Shakespeare's tragedy. \$25-\$80. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

READING, LYNNE TILLMAN AND VANESSA VESELKA: Authors of "Someday This Will Be Funny" and "Zazen," respectively. Free. 7:30 pm. WORD Building [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

THEATER, "BYE BYE BIRDIE": A rock star comes to town and teenage hysterics ensue in this 1960 musical. \$18. 8 pm. Heights Players [26 Willow Pl. between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237-2752], www.heightsplayers.org.

MUSIC, FOREVERLAND: \$5. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

FILM, "SHORT FILM SLAM 2": Recent narrative shorts culled from Sundance, South By Southwest, Rooftop Films, Williamsburg International Film Festival, and more. \$5. 8:30 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

MUSIC, FANG ISLAND: \$5. 11:30 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

SAT, MAY 28

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

TOUR, BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Explore the landmark building. \$6, \$4 students, teachers and seniors, free for members. 2 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, Q-TIP: The rapper helps kick off the Fort Greene Festival. \$15, \$10 in advance. Sanders Studio [525 Waverly Ave. between Fulton and Atlantic avenues in Fort Greene], www.fortgreenefest.com.

THEATER, "KING LEAR": 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 27.

THEATER, "BYE BYE BIRDIE": 8 pm. See Friday, May 27.

SALES AND MARKETS

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-4 pm. [70 N. Seventh St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (917) 301-5765], artistsandfleas.com.

SMORGASBURG: A gastro-centric marketplace from the people behind Brooklyn Flea. 9 am-5 pm. (East River between N. Sixth and N. Seventh streets in Williamsburg), www.smorgasburg.com.

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OTHER

"HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE": Never-before-seen artifacts and memorabilia commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Free. 11 am-6 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300], www.green-wood.com.

BICYCLE FETISH DAY: Celebrate your two-wheeler. Free. Noon-6 pm. City Reliquary (Havemeyer Street at Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg), www.cityreliquary.com.

SUN, MAY 29

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

GREENPOINT MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: 9 am. (Manhattan and Driggs avenues in Greenpoint).

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "BYE BYE BIRDIE": 2 pm. See Friday, May 27.

THEATER, "KING LEAR": 3 pm. See Friday, May 27.

SALES AND MARKETS

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-6 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

MON, MAY 30

KINGS COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: 11 am-5 pm. (87th Street and Third Avenue in Bay Ridge).

"HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE": Noon-4 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ: All-you-can-eat-and-drink pulled pig, pancakes and beer. \$40. Noon-7 pm. Fatty 'Cue [91 S. Sixth Street between Bedford and Berry streets in Williamsburg, (718) 599-3090], www.fattycue.com.

"FEAKS AND GEEKS" TV PARTY: Watch episodes and participate in trivia and costume contests devoted to the show. \$5. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

TUES, MAY 31

"HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE": noon-4 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

FILM, "COUNTRY STRONG": County music blockbuster starring Gweneth Paltrow and Tim McGraw. Free. 2 and 6 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200].

READING, TRACY K. SMITH: Author of "Life on Mars." Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THEATER, "KING LEAR": 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 27.

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CIVIC CALENDAR

TUES, MAY 31

78th Precinct Community Council. Monthly meeting. 7:30 pm. 78th Precinct Stationhouse [65 Sixth Ave. at Bergen Street in Prospect Heights, (718) 636-6410].

WED, JUNE 1

Community Board 2 Health, Environment and Social Services Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. Brooklyn Hospital [121 DeKalb Ave. at St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 596-5410], www.nyc.gov/brooklyncb2.

THURS, JUNE 2

Community Board 1 Public Safety Committee. Monthly meeting. 6:30 pm. Community Board 1 office [435 Graham Ave. between Frost and Richardson streets in Williamsburg, (718) 389-0009].

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HOT STUFF...

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coaster, the Boardwalk, Mermaid Parade, and, of course, sunbathing.

"Embassytown"

"Kraken" author China Mieville brings some suspense this summer with "Embassytown," a gripping adventure set in the future, where humans have colonized a distant planet, home to the Ariekei. Life's in balance until a new ambassador arrives and threatens to tear the two worlds apart.

China Mieville at Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 384-4586], June 1 at 8 pm. Tickets \$25. For info, visit www.wordbrooklyn.com.

"The Summer Without Men"

What a provocative title this time of year! Siri Hustvedt's newest novel follows poet Mia Fredricksen, who's fled New Yorker after her husband leaves her for another, younger woman. She befriends a circle of older widows and young writers, and let's the healing begin in this intellectual and compelling new novel from the Park Slope writer (and wife of our pal Paul Auster).

Siri Hustvedt at BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677], June 2 at 7 pm. Free. For info, visit www.bookcourt.org.

"Games to Play After Dark"

Marriage, and the ups and downs that follow, gives Sarah Gardner Borden plenty to work with in her debut novel about a young couple that meets at a Manhattan party, marries quickly, and moves to the suburbs in this page-turner that explores motherhood, sex, and an ideal existence that is anything but.

Sarah Gardner Borden at powerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], June 7 at 7 pm. Free. For info, visit www.powerhousearena.com.

"Tabloid City"

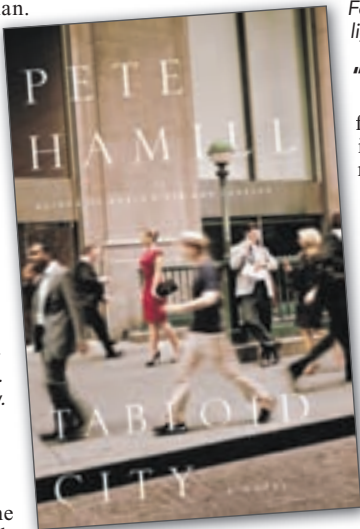
We know what we'll be reading this summer. Prolific Brooklyn boy Pete Hamill's latest novel is set in a world he knows very well —



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the newspaper biz. "Tabloid City" starts with the murder of a socialite and the cast of connected characters — journalists, bloggers, a disgraced Madoff-esque financier, and a radical Muslim. Only in New York.

Pete Hamill at powerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], June 8 at 7 pm. Free. For info, visit www.powerhousearena.com.



the City of the Dead"

Get out of New York and head to New Orleans in Sara Gran's new novel, which takes place in a post-Katrina landscape as it follows a private investigative ace on a new case following the storm.

Sara Gran at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], June 13 at 7:30 pm. Free. For info, visit www.greenlightbookstore.com.

"Maine"

J. Courtney Sullivan follows up her bestselling debut, "Commencement," with this rich story about three generations of the Kellehers, who summer in Maine and confront sibling rivalry, alcoholism, and — one of the biggest of them all — Catholic guilt.

J. Courtney Sullivan at BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677], June 14 at 7 pm. Free. For info, visit www.bookcourt.org.

"Truly Mexican: Essential Recipes and Techniques for Authentic Mexican Cooking"

Roberto Santibañez knows a thing or two about Mexican food. The award-winning chef heads up Fonda in Park Slope, making urban, contemporary Mexican. He shares some of his secrets in his new cookbook, "Truly Mexican: Essential Recipes and Techniques for Authentic Mexican Cooking." Make that essential recipes for the summer, including multiple guacamoles — a blue cheese, apple-tequila, and seafood variety — and salsa.

Roberto Santibañez at Community Bookstore [143 Seventh Ave. near Carroll

Street in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075], June 16 at 6 pm. For info, visit www.communitybookstore.net.

"Season to Taste"

We smell a hit. Aspiring chef Molly Birnbaum had ev-

everything going for her when a car accident left her without a sense of smell — right before she was to start culinary school. In this moving memoir, Birnbaum shares how she regained her sense of smell, returned to cooking, and, of course, fell in love. It's like "Eat, Pray, Love," minus the country-hopping.

Molly Birnbaum at Greenlight [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], June 22 at 7:30 pm. Free. For info, visit www.greenlightbookstore.com.

STREET FAIRS

There will be lots of dancing in the streets this summer, as well as eating, shopping, learning and even stickball-playing and mermaid-watching. Dates and times subject to change. For info, call 311.

May 28: DanceAf-

rica Bazaar, Noon-10 pm. Asland Place between Fulton Street and Hanson Place in Fort Greene. Runs through May 30.

May 29: International Children's Parade Festival, 11 am to 5 pm. Debevoise Street between Graham Avenue and Humboldt Street in Williamsburg

June 5: Fifth Avenue Spring Festival, Noon to 6 pm. Fifth Avenue between 65th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge

Festyn Dzień Dziecka, Noon to 4 pm. Kent Street between McGuinness Boulevard and Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint

First Church Global Arts Festival, Noon to 4 pm. Henry Street between Clark Street and Love Lane in Brooklyn Heights

Puerto Rican State Parade and Festival, 11 am to 5 pm. Graham Avenue between Broadway and Debevoise

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BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy

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Street in Williamsburg

June 6: Greek Festival, 8 am to 4 pm. Schermerhorn Street between Court Street and Boerum Place in Brooklyn Heights. Runs through June 12

June 11: Brooklyn Pride Festival, Noon to 6 pm. Prospect Park West between Ninth and 15th streets in Park Slope

Spring Fling, 11 am to 4 pm. Maujer Street between Humboldt Street and Graham Avenue in Williamsburg

June 12: 86th Street Bensonhurst Festival, 11 am to 5 pm. 86th Street between 19th Avenue and Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst

June 18: 29th Annual Mermaid Parade Assembly, 2 to 6 pm. W. 22nd Street at the Boardwalk in Coney Island

Williamsburg Walks, Noon to 8 pm. Bedford Avenue between N. Fifth and N. 11th streets in Williamsburg

June 19: Park Slope Seventh Heaven Festival, Noon to 6 pm. Seventh Avenue between Flatbush Avenue and 16th Street in Park Slope

June 26: Smith Street Funday, Noon to 6 pm. Smith Street between Bergen and Union streets in Cobble Hill

July 2: Stickball tourney, 10 am to 3 pm. W. 15th Street between Bowery Street and Boardwalk West in Coney Island

July 6: Giglio, 7 to 10 pm. N. Eighth Street between Roebling Street and Meeker Avenue, and Have-meyer Street between Metropolitan Avenue and N. Ninth Street in Williamsburg

July 10: Bastille Day festival, Noon to 7 pm. Smith Street between Bergen and Pacific streets, and Dean Street between Boerum Place and Smith Street in Cobble Hill

July 17: Cake Man Raven Confectionery, Noon to 5 pm. Hanson Place between S. Portland Avenue and S. Oxford Street in Fort Greene

Aug. 21: North Brooklyn Development Corporation Festival, 12 pm to 6 pm. Manhattan Avenue between Greenpoint and Bedford avenues in Greenpoint

Sept. 5: West Indian Day Parade, 11 am to 4 pm. Eastern Parkway between Grand Army Plaza and Utica Avenue in Crown Heights

FILM

Movies With a View

Brooklyn Bridge Park is bringing back a borough favorite for the 12th summer in a row. This summer, cinephiles can watch a famous New York movie on a big screen framed by the New York skyline.

The last movie of the summer is up to the fans, who can vote at [brooklynbridgepark.org](#) before Aug. 25 to decide what the movie will be.

DJs from Brooklyn Radio play music before the movies start rolling, and even Transportation Alternatives will be there to provide bike valet service.

July 7: “Manhattan”

July 14: “Ghostbusters”

July 21: “Sweet Smell of Success”

July 28: “Basquiat”

Aug. 4: “An American Tail”

Aug. 11: “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”

Aug. 18: “Crooklyn”

Aug. 25: “Rosemary’s



Photo by Nitin Vadukul

Sound and vision: George Clinton will bring da funk to staid Metrotech on June 2. And you can catch “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” July 27 at McCarren Park.

Baby”

September 1: People’s choice

Brooklyn Bridge Park [2 Old Fulton St. at Furham Street, Brooklyn Heights, (718) 802-0603], Thursdays, July 7 to September 1. Music and DJs begin at 6 pm, movies begin at sundown. Free. To vote for the last movie of the season, and for more info, visit [www.brooklynbridgepark.org](#).

SummerScreen

The ballfields of McCarren Park was turned over for this annual series, featuring all your favorite slacker films.

July 6: “Friday”

July 13: “Wayne’s World”

July 20: “Ghost World”

July 27: “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”

Aug. 3: “Clueless”

Aug. 10: “Jurassic Park”

Aug. 17: Rain date

Aug. 24: Rain date

McCarren Park (Bedford and North 12th streets in Greenpoint, no phone). Film start at dusk. Free. For info, visit [www.summerscreen.org](#).

Rooftop Films

Altogether, Rooftop Films’ summer season will include 23 full-length movies and 183 short films in 10 outdoor locations. And a couple of those movies will come with live shows too, like a semi-pro wrestling match with the movie “Fake It So Real” and a performance from Swedish “musical guerrillas” with the movie “The Sound of Noise.”

June 5: “The City Dark,” Old American Can Factory

roof

June 9: “Battle For Brooklyn,” Fort Greene Park, 8 pm, free

June 18: “The Catechism Cataclysm,” BAMcinematek parking lot

June 23: “Commercial Kings” and home movies, Crown Victoria backyard

July 1: Northside DIY Film Competition winner, Automotive High School lawn

July 2: “Where Soldiers Come From,” Old American Can Factory roof

July 8: “Neurotypical,” Automotive High School lawn

July 15: “Bellflower,” Automotive High School lawn

July 16: “Creation, Construction, Convento,” Old American Can Factory

roof

July 22: “Falling Over-night,” Automotive High School lawn

July 23: “Orbit,” Old American Can Factory roof

July 28: “Fake It So Real” and live wrestling match, Crown Victoria backyard

July 29: Animated films, Automotive High School lawn

July 30: Short films about video games, Old American Can Factory roof

Aug. 4: Dangerous documentaries and “Whisker Wars,” Crown Victoria backyard

Aug. 5: “Nothing as it Seems,” Automotive High School lawn

Aug. 6: “La Bocca del Lupo,” Old American Can Factory roof

Aug. 12: “Public Places, Private Spaces,” Old American Can Factory roof

Aug. 19: “World’s Best Dad,” venue TBA

Aug. 20: Short films, Old American Can Factory roof

Fort Greene Park (Myrtle and N. Portland avenues in Fort Greene, no phone); Brooklyn Tech High School (29 Fort Greene Pl. between Dekalb Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene); BAMcinematek [Fulton Street and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, 636-4100]; Crown Victoria (S. Second Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, no phone); Automotive High School (50 Bedford Ave. between N. 12th and Lorimer streets in Williamsburg, (718) 218-9301); Old American Can Factory (232 Third St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 237- 4335). Unless otherwise noted, the doors open for all events at 8 pm, films begin at 9 pm, and after parties begin at 11:30 pm. \$10 (unless otherwise noted). For info, visit [roof-topfilms.com](#).

Rock N’ Roll Summer

Dust off your guitar and amp — it’s time for a summer full of movies to rock out to at Coney Island.

May 28: “Pink Floyd: The Wall”

June 4: “Phantom of the Paradise”

June 11: “Tommy”

June 25: “Hedwig and the Angry Itch”

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July 9: “Rock ‘n’ Roll High School”

July 16: “This Is Spinal Tap”

July 23: “Rock, Rock, Rock!” and “Ghoul A-Go-

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July 30: “Joe Strummer: The Future is Unwritten”

Aug. 6: “The Blues Brothers”

Aug. 13: “Heavy Metal”

Aug. 20: “Sid & Nancy”

Aug. 27: “Bob Dylan: Don’t Look Back”

Sept. 3: “True Stories”

Sept. 10: “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band,” plus live piano performance by Liz Mages

Sept. 17: “Purple Rain”

Coney Island Museum (1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th St. in Coney Island, (718) 907-3409), 8:30 pm, \$6. For info, visit [www.coneyisland.com](#).

Coney Island Flicks on the Beach

There’s even more eclectic cinema to check out in Coney Island, with the launch of this new outdoor film series this summer. Bring a blanket!

July 11: “Saturday Night Fever”

July 18: “Rango”

July 25: “Top Gun”

Aug. 1: “Iron Man 2”

Aug. 8: “Annie Hall”

Aug. 15: “Moon-struck”

Aug. 22: “Justin Beiber: Never Say Never”

Aug. 29: “How She Move”

Coney Island beach at W. 10th Street, no phone. Movies start at dusk. For info, visit [www.epixhd.com/freeforall](#).

Narrows Botanical Gardens

The gardens will be sharing their scenery for four fam-

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9 DAYS...

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READING, ANNA NORTH: Author of “America Pacifica”. Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore (686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200), [greenlightbookstore.com](#).

MUSIC, “TRIBECA MONSTERS!”: Featuring the music of Steward Copeland, Michael Gandolfi, Dylan Mattingly, Marc Mellits, Daniel Bernard Roumain, and Jacob TV. \$15, \$10 for students. 8 pm. Galapagos Art Space (16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500), [www.galapagosartspace.com](#).

BOOK EXPO AMERICA PARTY: Featuring music, special guests and book

giveaways. Free. 9:30 pm. PowerHouse Arena (37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049), [www.powerhousearena.com](#).

WED, JUNE 1

“HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE”: noon – 4 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

READING, ORAN HESTERMAN: Author of “Fair Food.” Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena (37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049), [www.powerhousearena.com](#).

THEATER, “KING LEAR”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 27.

MUSIC, THE RADIATORS: A benefit for Headcount. \$250. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl (61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369), [www.brooklynbowl.com](#).

THURS, JUNE 2

READING, MATTHEW ALGENT: Author of “The President is a Sick Man.” Free. 7 pm. Word Bookstore (126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096), [www.word-brooklyn.com](#).

READING, SIRI HUSTVEDT: Author of “The Summer Without Men.” Free. 7 pm. BookCourt (163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677), [www.book-court.org](#).

THEATER, “KING LEAR”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 27.

MUSIC, DANIEL KNOX, LEWIS AND CLARKE, JUDSON CLAIBORNE: \$10. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop (249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740), [www.therockshopny.com](#).

MUSIC, THE RADIATORS:

\$15–\$20. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl (61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369), [www.brooklynbowl.com](#).

FRI, JUNE 3

“GATEWAY TO NATIONS”: Annual celebration of Native American culture. \$12, \$7 for young adults and seniors, free for children under six. 10 am–4 pm. Aviator Sports (3600 Flatbush Ave., at Floyd Bennett Field in Canarsie, (718) 758-7500), [www.aviatorsports.com](#).

FILM, “VERTIGO”: Hitchcock’s masterpiece about obsession. \$12, \$10 for members. 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music (30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100), [www.bam.org](#).

RED HOOK FESTIVAL: Sponsored by Dance Theatre

Etcetera featuring La Roka RPM and Full Circle, Tato Torres y Yerbabuena, Paul Josephs and MetroSonics and InspirIt. Free. 6–9 pm. PS 15 (71 Sullivan St. between Richards and Van Brunt streets in Red Hook, (718) 643-6790 X113), [www.redhookfest.com](#).

THEATER, “KING LEAR”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 27.

BROOKLYN FILM FESTIVAL: Opening night presentation. 8 pm. Brooklyn Heights Cinema (70 Henry St. at Orange Street in Brooklyn heights), [www.brooklynfilmfestival.org](#).

FILM, “BATTLE FOR BROOKLYN”: Documentary that explores the Atlantic Yards project premieres at the Brooklyn Film Festival. \$3. 8 pm. Brooklyn Heights Cinema (70 Henry St. at Orange Street in Brooklyn heights), [www.brooklynfilmfestival.org](#).

MUSIC, DANNY KALB: \$15 (\$6 under 12). 8 pm. Good

Coffeehouse (53 Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 768-2972), [gchmusic.org](#).

SAT, JUNE 4

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

“GATEWAY TO NATIONS”: 11 am–7 pm. See Friday, June 3.

PERFORMANCE

ART, “ABOVE AND BEYOND”: Part of Atlantic Avenue ArtWalk. Free. 12–8 pm. Micro Museum (123 Smith St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 797-3116), [www.micromuseum.com](#).

MUSIC, BROOKLYN BALLET OPEN HOUSE: Free classes and costume exhibit. Part of Atlantic Avenue ArtWalk. Free. 12:30–5:30 pm. Brooklyn Ballet (160 Schermerhorn St. in Downtown, (718) 246-

0146), [www.brooklynballet.org](#).

ART, BROOKLYN BLOCK PARTY: Part of Atlantic Avenue ArtWalk. Free. 1–6 pm. (Nepons and Pacific streets in Boerum Hill), [www.artwalk2011.com](#).

THEATER, “KING LEAR”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 27.

SALES AND MARKETS

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am–4 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

TAG SALE: New and used items. Free. 9 am–5 pm. Cadman Towers Building (101 Clark St. between Henry Street and Cadman Plaza West in Brooklyn Heights).

SMORGASBURG: 9 am–5 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

BROOKLYN FLEA: 10 am–5 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

FLEA MARKET: 10 am–6 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

FLEA MARKET: 10 am–5 pm. Carroll Park (Court Street between Carroll and President streets in Carroll

Gardens, (917) 574-0745), [carrollparkbrooklyn.org](#).

OTHER

RED HOOK FESTIVAL: Sponsored by Dance Theatre Etcetera featuring La Roka RPM and Full Circle, Tato Torres y Yerbabuena, Paul Josephs and MetroSonics and InspirIt. Free. 11 am–7 pm. Louis J. Valentino, Jr. Park and Pier (Coffey and Ferris streets in Red Hook, (718) 643-6790 X113), [www.redhookfest.com](#).

“HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE”: 11 am–6 pm. See Saturday, May 28.

FILM, KIDSFILMFEST: Part of the Brooklyn Film Festival. \$6. 1 pm. indieScreen (285 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets in Williamsburg, (347) 227-8030), [www.indiescreen.us](#).

FILM, “VERTIGO”: 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. See Friday, June 3.

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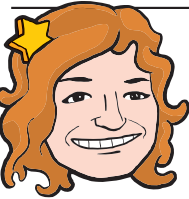
But what does she do all day?

Eligot excited recently at the prospect of my joining him as chaperone on an overnight trip that he will take next year, a fifth-grade experience he looks forward to as much as he dreaded the ballroom dancing in fourth grade. “Come with me!” he said.

“That way, you won’t have to sit around the house by yourself all day, doing nothing!”

In a word, ouch. Is that what my kids think of me? I had to laugh. The sentiment had come from a generous place, not a judgmental one. When I thought

about it, I realized he was just responding to my own complaints about my lack of schedule and direction and the loneliness of being a freelance writer/stay-at-home mom. It is I who have denigrated my own use of time and created in his mind the impression of his mother



Fearless Parenting

By Stephanie Thompson

as someone who exists just slightly South of useless. I began to defend myself weakly.

“Well,” I said, “I do write.” I thought to list off the various and sundry things I do as mistress of a household of four, as maker of morning smoothies and egg sandwiches, local café conversationalist, grocery shopping mad-woman, afternoon popcorn-popper, columnist, attempted novelist. ... And, after all, I have to move the car twice a week.

But really, did I have to defend myself to my 10-year-old? Did I have to justify myself to anyone? The answer, sadly, is yes. But the person to whom I must ultimately justify myself is myself.

I am living proof of what I learned in the one angry Women’s Studies class I took in college: we mothers cannot have it all. Feminism seems just to have put a renewed pressure to “do something” besides the very hard job of parenting, to accomplish in one’s day something that can be held up very tangibly and told to people at parties.

In Park Slope, the bar is high. I am surrounded by Pulitzer-prize winning authors, Tony Award-winning playwrights, TV personalities, producers — in short the people who are arguably creating what the world thinks. It is no wonder that I feel slightly embarrassed in the presence of these people, slightly cowed as I try to build my own voice and balance those career aspirations with my great desire to pick up my kids from school most days and be available should they need me.

The conversation comes up all the time with my stay-at-home mom friends, those

who do some sort of outside work and those who don’t, who float around during the day like I do trying to meaningfully fill the time between pick-up and drop-off: how do we justify ourselves to ourselves. Sadly, those mothers with full-time jobs often feel the need to do the same, and imagine all they would do if they ever could stay home, not unlike the retirees I encounter in my travels who spent their whole careers daydreaming of luxuriating in boring bliss only to find being bored is boring.

The kids in the neighborhood, like my own, pick up on the vibrations of what people “should” do, and have learned well what is what, that “success” is something that is won, mostly, outside the home.

One afternoon, Oscar was telling a friend how I was often late for pick-up, and then in the next breath justified it slightly by noting that, after all, her father was sometimes late, too.

“Yes,” she said innocently, “but my father has a good reason. He has a very important job...”

When I laughed, and pointed out that I am, in fact, a writer (not that I should have to defend myself), she acquiesced with a sweet thoughtful nod.

“Yes,” she said. “You do have that column...”

Kids just say the things the adults think but often don’t say, of course. Self-esteem in this day and age, probably like in the ages before it and almost surely after, is a hard thing to find. Will it be better if I ever actually publish a book? Would the kids and the other parents and I feel slightly better about my “doing nothing” if there was

something more solid to show for it? But what if the book sucks, never makes it on to the NY Times bestseller list like so many of my neighbors have? What if my first book is great, and I never write another? Where does the pressure and self-judgment end?

There is a balance, and I am fortunate enough to have the time and money to try to find it. But it ain’t easy. I call Big G sometimes in the middle of the day just to list off a few things I have done, to get his proverbial pat on the head.

I texted him the other day after I’d lamented about the task of going out in the rain to move the car.

“I did it!” I said after pushing myself to simply walk out of the house and spend 10 minutes to find a parking space.

If only I could focus on the list of things I do instead of those I haven’t done. If only. I need to start so that my kids will be less hard on themselves in their own lives, so that they too might see the value in something less than someone else’s idea of “doing something.”

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ily movies this summer.

July 8: “Mamma Mia!”

July 22: “WALL-E”

Aug. 8: “Young Frankenstein”

Aug. 20: “Over the Hedge”

Narrows Botanic Gardens [Shore Road between Bay Ridge Avenue and 72nd Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-4810]. Free. Films begin at sundown. For info, visit www.narrowsbsg.org.

Brooklyn Film Series

The grounds at the Old Stone House, an historic Revolutionary War site, double as a movie theater every Saturday in July starting July 9. Details to be announced.

The Old Stone House [Fifth Avenue at Third Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195]. Free. For info, visit www.theold-stonehouse.org.

Brooklyn Film Festival

It may not be the outdoors, but the Brooklyn Film Festival will showcase thousands of movies in just two weeks, including 120 film premieres. “Battle For Brooklyn” is the festival’s highlight, the documentary of one Brooklynite’s eight-year fight against real estate developers of the Atlantic Yards project.

June 3: “Battle For Brooklyn,” Brooklyn Heights Cinema, 8 pm

June 3, 6-10: Other films, Brooklyn Heights Cinema, 5, 7 and 9; indieScreen, 6, 8 and 10 pm.

June 4, 5, 11, 12: Brooklyn Heights Cinema, 2:30, 5 and 7:30 pm, 10 pm; indieScreen, 3, 5:30, 8 and 10:30 pm.

June 9: “Battle For Brooklyn,” Fort Greene Park, 8 pm, free

Brooklyn Heights Cinema [70 Henry St. between Orange and Cranberry streets, Brooklyn Heights, (718) 596-7070]; indieScreen [285 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets, Williamsburg, (347) 227-8030]; Fort Greene Park (Myrtle and N. Portland avenues in Fort Greene, no phone). \$10, \$8 for students and senior citizens, \$200 for full festival pass, \$25 for Four Pack (four shows). For info, visit www.brooklynfilmfestival.org.

POOLS & BEACHES

Whether you want to dive into the waves or simply relax and tan, Brooklyn has plenty of options for cooling off this summer.

Outdoor pools

All pools open June 29

PS 20 Playground [Claremont Avenue between Willoughby and Dekalb avenues in Fort Greene, (718) 625-6101]. Kids only.

Commodore Barry Park [N. Elliot Place and Flushing Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 243-2593]. Intermediate-sized and wading pools.

Red Hook Recreation Center [Bay Street between Clinton and Henry streets in Red Hook, (718) 722-3211]. Olympic-sized pool. Open daily from 11 am to 6:45 pm, closed 2:45 pm to 4 pm starting June 29.

Sunset Park [Seventh Avenue between 41st and 44th streets in Sunset Park, (718) 965-6578]. Olympic-sized pool. Open Monday



Photo by Stefano Giamminini

Soaked: Public pools, like Boerum Hill’s “Double-D,” open on June 29, where Jeff House was a life-guard.

to Friday from 7 am to 9:45 pm and Saturday from 7 am to 4:45 pm starting June 29.

Double D Pool [Douglass Street between Third Avenue and Nevins Street in Boerum Hill, (718) 625-3268].

Beaches

Coney Island Beach and Brighton Beach [Surf Avenue between W. 37th Street and Corbin Place in Coney Island, (718) 946-1350], open daily from 10 am to 6 pm, free parking.

Jacob Riis Park [Rockaway Beach Boulevard at Beach Channel Drive, Jamaica Bay, (718) 318-4300]. 10 am to 6 pm starting June 15, \$5 parking.

Manhattan Beach Park [Oriental Boulevard and Irwin Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 946-1373]. Parking \$6 Monday through Friday, \$10 weekends and holidays.

SPORTS

Brooklyn Cyclones

The national pastime — Brooklyn style! — is back at MCU Park in Coney Is-

land as the Cyclones start their 11th season at the top of the New York-Penn League. The borough’s only professional team — a Class A affiliate of the ever-struggling Mets — has added lots of fan-friendly events and a new scoreboard when the short season begins with a home game against the hated Staten Island Yankees on June 18. But the bottom line is consistency: great baseball in a great ballpark — just a few feet from your seat. No wonder the team has led the league in attendance since its first season in 2001.

MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497]. For info, visit www.brooklyncyclones.com or e-mail info@brooklyncyclones.com.

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By Camille Sperrazza

If you have a home improvement project that requires the help of professionals, look no further than Singler Enterprises.

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Established in 1986, Singler Enterprises has about 15 to 20 employees who run the day-to-day operations, says Singler. The company specializes in custom residential and commercial contracting jobs.

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Singler studied electrical construction in high school, as well as architecture and design in college. He spent a few years teaching technology at Brooklyn Tech High School, before deciding to go into the business full-time.

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Pavilion renovations are almost wrapped

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Park Slope's Pavilion Cinema has finished its long-promised makeover and thorough scrubbing — and the curtain will be up in time for the big blockbuster weekend.

The owners of the 83-year-old moviehouse on Prospect Park West have finished replacing the former dingy purple cloth seats with black patent leather versions, and repainting peeling walls.

All that remains is putting the finishing touches on an upstairs café, which will feature “finger foods,” said co-owner

Ben Kafash. “We are committed to making this a better place,” he added, admitting that the renovations were “long overdue.”

The spring cleaning comes just in time for Memorial Day weekend — historically one of the nation's busiest movie-going periods.

It also comes after a tough year for the cinema, which has been plagued by inconsistent heating, broken seats and unsubstantiated bedbug rumors.

But Kafash and his partners — who bought the multiplex from New Jersey-based Cinedigm group last year — say they're well on the way to morphing a

disheveled movie shack into a cinematic wonderland.

Before the makeover, five of nine theaters had chairs from 1996 — the last year the Pavilion was refurbished. Auditorium seven, for example, was especially bad: Six of the 70 chairs were missing seatbacks and about a dozen had rips or stains.

In Park Slope, everyone from snarky bloggers to concerned patrons cringed at the seats (and what was allegedly lurking in their fibers).

“We used to come here a lot,” movie-going South Sloper Dan Kluger said, back in February. “But I've found the place has gotten really rundown.”



Community Newspaper Group / Laura Gottschaler

Photo by Tom Callan

Broken seats at the Pavilion Cinema (left) have been spruced up in time for the big Memorial Day weekend.

The new chairs will likely improve theater's tarnished image: Sleek seats have a cleaner “look,” and are less prone to stains. (They also allow movie-going canoodlers to sit closer together.)

Still under construction is the second-floor café with tables where movie-goers can munch pizza.

A sit-down eatery would bring to fruition a dream held by former owner Norman Adie, who

bought the moviehouse in 1993 after two decades of 1970s-style ruin. Adie renovated the place — which had been called The Sanders when it was built in 1928

— and created a full-service restaurant on the second floor that never really took off.

Adie originally opened the Pavilion with three screens. It now has eight.



American Kate Russell (left) lost to Austrian Gudrun Grondinger at the first ever Pillow Fight World Cup, last Tuesday night at the Warsaw.

Throw down! Austrian pillow-fight champ

By J.J. Despain
for The Brooklyn Paper

Gudrun “The Saint” Grondinger is now the reigning world pillow fight champion!

The pride of Vienna bashed her way to victory in the growing sport's World Cup last Tuesday at the Warsaw, the first official championship (decades of feathery frolicking at the Playboy Mansion don't, apparently, count).

To ask Grondinger's trainer (yes, she has a trainer), “The Saint's” triumph was never in doubt.

“I was quite confident in her reaching the final and had high hopes for her to win the title,” said Per Eriksson.

Grondinger was the favorite, but that didn't keep challengers from Sweden, Japan, Bushwick and Greenpoint from swinging and battering in what was called “a world championship tournament of Biblical proportions.”

Greenpoint's own Kate Russell let the down fly all the way

to the championship round. But she was no match for the Austrians' brute force.

The dark and grungy makeshift boxing ring — perfect for the all-out brawl — was surrounded by hundreds of cheering the fighters through the night.

“Maybe they were expecting girls pillow-fighting in their underwear,” said Mark Chroscielewski, managing director for the Warsaw. “But it was a real sports event, in athletic gear, taken very, very seriously.”

Some fans were probably expecting the whole thing to be a joke. But where pillow-fighting is concerned, the Austrians have a real German sense of humor.

“There isn't really any other way to look upon it other than being serious,” Eriksson said. “If we started looking at it like semi-fun and semi-sport, it might drift away toward just being for fun. We intend to keep it like this and we must act accordingly.”

Hakeem has a dream: Ed Towns's very well-worn seat in Congress

By Dan MacLeod and Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries is moving ahead to challenge 15-term Rep. Ed Towns — a battle that will set off a generational clash that party leaders once thought could be avoided.

Jeffries (D–Fort Greene) held a fundraiser on Sunday night in Williamsburg, meeting with influential Hasidic leaders such as Rabbi David Niederman and Joseph Goldberger — both key Towns allies.

The invitation referred only to Jeffries's “potential campaign for a seat in the United States House of Representatives.”



Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries, 40, will challenge 15-term Rep. Ed Towns (right), who isn't worried.



File photo by Michael Lipkin

Jeffries has not publicly commented on whether he plans to battle Towns.

“All I've done is open an exploratory committee,” Jeffries told us, referring to the paperwork he has filed with the Federal Elections Commission.

A source close to Jeffries would take on the 30-year veteran if he can raise enough money to be competitive.

Towns certainly isn't backing down.

“I don't have a problem with that,” said Towns. “That's what democracy is all about. People run against each other.”

Brooklyn Democratic insiders have long expected Jeffries to run for Congress — but after Towns retired.

But why wait? Jeffries, 40, believes he'll get the backing of controversial Democratic Party boss Assemblyman Vito Lopez (D–Williamsburg), who worked against his rival Towns's recent bid for a district leader post. And Jeffries is popular with progressive leaders in Downtown for his work on reforming the redistricting process.

Beating Towns, who is 76, would not be easy. The veteran congressman raised \$1.6 million in his last campaign, and easily defeated Kevin Powell.

Vinegar Hill House to add new cafe

Coffee, wine place slated next to always-packed destination eatery

By Kate Briquetelet
The Brooklyn Paper

The dream team behind Vinegar Hill House will expand its operation with a cafe next door, giving devotees of the bucolic dinner retreat even more to love — and opponents more to complain about.

Sam Buffa and Jean Adamson, who established the popular and isolated Vinegar Hill eatery almost three years ago, have plans for a 20-seat offshoot with similar old-timey interiors and sophisticated, seasonal fare.

It would open in the fall. “There's no place to get coffee or get lunch nearby,” Buffa said. “We hope to be that establishment — a place to go during the day and to relax at night.”

Community Board 2 has recommended a beer and wine license for the new establishment, and the State Liquor Authority is expected to grant the permit within eight weeks.

Minor construction has begun at the corner of Hudson Avenue and Water Street for a café that will serve coffee in the morning, and beer, wine and light noshes throughout the day.

It will feature bar seating, but Buffa said that the new boite is not a pub but a place to unwind. And unlike its 40-seat predecessor, the cafe won't have outdoor seating.

The existing restaurant accepts limited reservations, so the cafe will also



Work has already begun on an expansion of the Vinegar Hill House on Hudson Avenue.

be a place for diners to wait, instead of milling about the desolate cobblestone street.

But not all Vinegar Hill residents are excited.

Vivian Scott, who has lived in Vinegar Hill for 30 years, said diners of-

ten leave past midnight and dawdle in the streets as they wait for car services, which honk when they arrive.

“The owners argue that having this extension would take people off the street, but in a way, it just increases the numbers,” said Scott, who protested

the restaurant's expansion at a community board hearing.

Buffa said he would work to control the noise by working with a single car service that won't need to honk as it makes its postprandial pickups. He said he would also station a hostess outside at 10 pm to make sure people respect the neighbors.

He also denied neighbors' concerns that the new café is actually a pub in disguise, pointing out that the cafe will close at 11 pm on weekdays and 11:30 pm on weekends.

“A lot of people in the neighborhood think it's going to be a late-night drinking establishment, but we never wanted that,” Buffa said. “That's why we never applied for a full liquor license.”

Vinegar Hill House opened in 2008 as the only restaurant in a quiet, largely un-gentrified nine-block neighborhood. The quaint eatery was an instant success, garnering accolades from national media and bringing hordes of diners to the sleepy cobbled streets.

Even before the House opened, local media eagerly awaited the new venture from the hip Manhattan darlings: Buffa is co-owner of the Freemans Sporting Club clothier and barbershop, and Adamson was head chef at Freemans.

Vinegar Hill House (72 Hudson Ave. between Front and Water streets in Vinegar Hill, (718) 522-1018). For info, visit www.vinegarhillhouse.com.

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